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MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, JANUARY 1987

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State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0) (quarterly)

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0) (quarterly)

Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia (6312.0) (monthly)

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The Labour Force, Victoria (6201.2) (monthly)

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Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin (6407.0) (monthly)

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (6408.0) (monthly)

BUILDING

Building Activity, Summary, Australia (8751.0) (quarterly)

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0) (monthly)

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Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year %
				One period	Two periods	Three periods		
ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (a)								
Manufacturing	\$m	Mar qr 86	1,048	1,311	1,239	1,221	889	17.9
Finance	\$m	Mar qr 86	379	478	444	352	249	52.2
	\$m	Mar qr 86	418	518	512	584	370	13.0
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES								
Persons in labour force - (b)	'000	Dec 86	2,059.8	2,004.8	2,015.2	2,026.5	1,984.5	3.8
Employed persons	"	Dec 86	1,910.7	1,877.6	1,886.6	1,883.8	1,856.3	2.9
Unemployed persons	"	Dec 86	149.2	127.2	128.5	142.7	128.2	16.4
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Nov 86	1.40	1.22	1.41	1.44	1.56	-10.3
Job vacancies	'000	Nov 86	12.8	12.9	16.8	17.0	15.1	-15.2
Average weekly earnings -								
Males	\$	Aug 86	429.50	425.70	423.50	421.30	407.10	5.5
Females	"	Aug 86	294.50	297.10	290.50	283.80	279.10	5.5
Indexes of weekly award rates (June 1976=100) -								
Wage earners -								
Adult males	indices	Nov 86	225.2	225.2	225.2	225.2	220.0	2.4
Adult females	"	Nov 86	222.0	222.0	222.0	222.0	217.0	2.3
Wage and salary earners -								
Adult males	"	Nov 86	222.9	222.9	222.9	222.9	217.9	2.3
Adult females	"	Nov 86	221.3	221.3	221.3	221.3	216.4	2.3
PRICES								
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -								
Food	indices	Sep qr 86	156.1	152.0	147.2	144.2	141.8	10.1
Clothing	"	Sep qr 86	145.9	144.6	138.1	137.9	132.9	9.8
Housing	"	Sep qr 86	171.3	168.6	164.8	161.8	158.0	8.4
Household equipment & operation	"	Sep qr 86	156.8	153.7	152.3	149.2	144.9	8.2
Transportation	"	Sep qr 86	156.8	149.6	153.8	146.5	147.4	6.4
Tobacco & alcohol	"	Sep qr 86	171.8	168.1	165.1	160.7	158.4	8.5
Health & personal care	"	Sep qr 86	151.4	147.4	142.4	138.6	136.7	10.8
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	"	Sep qr 86	139.8	136.8	134.1	129.2	127.1	10.0
All groups	"	Sep qr 86	158.2	154.2	151.8	147.8	145.3	8.9
Price Indexes of Materials Used in Building, Melbourne, All groups -								
House building (1985-86=100) (c)	indices	Oct 86	105.0	103.9	103.2	102.8	98.8	6.3
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	"	Oct 86	176.0	174.8	173.7	172.4	161.9	8.7
BUILDING								
Approvals -								
New houses	No.	Nov 86	2,442	2,700	2,580	2,480	2,796	-12.7
New other residential buildings	"	Nov 86	445	492	457	343	514	-13.4
Value of all building	\$m	Nov 86	366.6	346.7	350.2	361.9	372.0	-1.5
Commencements -								
New houses	No.	Jun qr 86	6,770	6,960	8,210	8,180	8,580	-21.1
Value of new houses	\$m	Jun qr 86	427.7	426.9	496.6	472.9	476.4	-10.2
New other residential buildings	No.	Jun qr 86	1,133	1,387	1,704	1,710	1,839	-38.4
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Jun qr 86	47.6	56.5	69.2	68.7	71.5	-33.4
Value of non-residential building	"	Jun qr 86	402.6	485.9	366.1	439.3	391.6	2.8
Work done in period	"	Jun qr 86	1,168.5	971.9	1,123.0	1,141.4	1,009.2	15.8
RETAIL SALES (excl motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Oct 86	1,280.7	1,178.4	1,179.2	1,189.9	1,157.9	10.6
PRODUCTION								
Manufacturing -								
Clay bricks	million	Oct 86	38	43	39	42	42	-9.5
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Oct 86	291	268	294	246	304	-4.3
Plastics & synthetic resins	tonnes	Oct 86	41,240	37,231	38,161	49,135	58,879	-30.0
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Oct 86	3,420	3,058	3,128	3,256	3,590	-4.7
Cars & station wagons	'000	Oct 86	18.0	18.8	18.5	20.4	24.6	-26.8
Wool yarn	tonnes	Oct 86	1,586	1,387	1,483	1,657	1,709	-7.2
Woven fabric -Wool (incl blanketing)	'000 sq.m	Oct 86	443	281	303	401	166	166.9
Man-made fibre	"	Oct 86	8,199	6,602	7,318	6,611	7,547	8.6
Mining -								
Crude oil	'000 cu.m	Oct 86	2,100	2,026	1,889	1,419	2,464	-14.8
Brown coal	'000 tonnes	Oct 86	3,433	3,434	3,559	3,802	2,930	17.2
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS								
Cars & station wagons	No.	Nov 86	8,642	10,043	8,922	10,648	11,205	-22.9
Other motor vehicles (incl motor cycles)	"	Nov 86	2,066	2,409	2,269	3,008	2,749	-24.8
BANKS								
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Nov 86	17,346	17,250	17,305	17,094	14,599	18.8
Major trading -								
Deposits	"	Nov 86	12,448	12,792	12,521	12,596	12,122	2.7
Advances	"	Nov 86	12,894	12,869	12,571	12,451	10,406	23.9
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	"	Nov 86	25,497	29,890	26,962	24,897	27,122	-6.0
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION								
Secured commitments to individuals -	"	Oct 86	385.4	321.9	282.7	353.6	333.8	15.5
Savings banks	"	Oct 86	327.0	268.4	231.5	300.0	231.4	41.3
Trading banks	"	Oct 86	20.8	16.8	20.5	24.0	36.0	-42.2
Permanent building societies	"	Oct 86	22.0	20.8	19.9	16.5	42.0	-47.6
Other lenders	"	Oct 86	15.7	15.8	11.5	13.2	24.4	-35.7
OVERSEAS TRADE								
Imports	"	Oct 86	1,235.1	1,329.5	1,145.0	1,127.8	1,249.8	-1.2
Exports (excl re-exports)	"	Oct 86	562.8	602.6	496.7	451.8	543.1	3.6

(a) By private enterprise. (b) Labour force figures have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (c) New series. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne.